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**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE --**  
**EXAMINING GROUP 1635**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Dear Madam:

This is in response to an Office action herein, mailed 25 November 2008, time for response to which was set to expire 25 February 2009. This response is submitted within two months of the mailing date of the final rejection, and thus expedited procedure is requested. The considered claims, claims 32, 35-37, 41, 49 and 66, were rejected. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

**Enclosures:**

1. Lee, *et al.*, *Cell* (2004) S116:S89-S92;
2. Ruvkun, *et al.*, *Cell* (2004) S116:S93-S96;
3. Reports of the 2008 Lasker Award to Ruvkun, Ambros and Baulcombe.